

Use as Guide Only. Please advise interested parties to obtain an import permit.

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CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORT OF CANINE SEMEN INTO GREAT BRITAIN FROM NON RABIES FREE COUNTRIES

1. The donor dog must be permanently identifiable by a method or system approved by the Government of the country of export.
2. The semen may not be dispatched from the exporting country until 6 months after the completion of collection from the donor dog.
3. The semen must be accompanied by a certificate signed by an authorized veterinary officer of the Government giving a full description of the donor dog, including the identification mark, the name and address of the owner, the address of the premises at which the semen was collected and the date on which the semen was collected and stating that:
 - (a) no case of rabies was confirmed on the premises on which the donor dog was kept during the 12 months preceding collection of the semen and also during the period between semen collection and its exportation;
 - (b) the donor dog was not subject to any quarantine restrictions imposed by the veterinary authorities of the exporting country and that it had not been out of the exporting country during the 12 months preceding collection of the semen;
 - (c) the donor dog had not been vaccinated against rabies with a live vaccine during the 6 months preceding collection of the semen;
 - (d) the donor dog was subjected to veterinary examination immediately before and again 6 months after the collection of semen and on each occasion showed no clinical signs of any infectious or contagious diseases including rabies.
4. The semen must be consigned in sealed ampoules or straws; each ampoule or straw must be permanently identified and the identification mark of each noted on the veterinary certificate.
5. The sealed ampoules or straws must be kept in a container which is unused or sterile and which does not contain other semen that does not meet the same standards.
6. Storage must take place on premises in which no animals are present and on which no cases of rabies have been confirmed during the preceding 12 months. The storage premises must be approved by, and under the supervision of, an authorized veterinary officer of the Government.
7. The sealed ampoules or straws containing the semen must be securely packed in a container; on arrival at the destination address, any wrapping must be incinerated and all non disposable items must be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected.

8. The semen consignment must be transported directly from the exporting country to Great Britain and delivered only to the person to whom the license is issued.
9. On receipt of the semen in Great Britain the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (address as below) must be notified immediately in writing giving the address of the premises at which the semen is to be stored. The notification must be accompanied by the owner's declaration and certificate signed by an authorized veterinary officer of the Government.
10. Licenses will be valid for 8 months from the date of issue unless previously revoked.

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